

9 October, 2003

To: Federal Communications Commission  
RE: A reply to Comments on RM-10811; a petition filed on behalf of FISTS CW Club.  
NOI: RM-10811

Gentlemen,

I would like to completely agree with the petition filed by the FISTS CW Club. I have been a Radio Amateur since 1976 licensed as WN5TGL, and I currently hold the Amateur Extra license; W5GZ.

Morse Code is the one SKILL that makes an ordinary person a HAM! When I first got licensed in 1976 at age 20, I was attending University full time, and IF I had the time to learn the Code and carry a FULL Business Degree load, than all I can say is that people who are LAZY, and DON'T want to learn the code, won't. Those that WANT to get a license WILL!!

When first licensed, I did not use the Code, other than using it for contacts just to build my speed so as to get a higher license. NOW, even after receiving a severe closed head injury in a motorcycle accident 16 years ago, yes it took time, but I have got my code speed back up so as to now have 188 DXCC countries worked on CW, with 174 CW DXCC countries confirmed!

Please don't listen to the people who do not want to work for anything. In this age, people want everything given to them, since in most other facets of life, that is the unfortunate NORM. People are getting lazy! Besides, there is an almost millennium-old rule that CW is Amateur Radio, and Amateur Radio is CW!!!! Please DO NOT DESTROY OUR AMATEUR RADIO SERVICE as we know and LOVE it! Accept the Proposal by FISTS in RM-10811.

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